

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1                    1.    (Previously Presented)    A method for enhancing the  
2 antimicrobial effectiveness of an antibiotic comprising the step of combining the  
3 antibiotic with at least 1% by weight citric acid and or salts of citric acid,  
4 wherein an effective antimicrobial combination consists essentially of the  
5 antibiotic and the citric acid and/or salts of citric acid.

Claims 2-25 (Cancelled).

1                    26.   (Previously Presented)    The process according to Claim 1,  
2 wherein the antibiotic is selected from the group consisting of vancomycin and  
3 ampicillin.

27.   (Cancelled)